number of regional language films telecast during 1989 language-wise; and

(c) the titles of Hindi and regional language films to be telecast during the rest of the year 1989?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (PROF. K. K. TEWARY) : (a) No specific study has been done by Doordarshan on this subject. However, Hindi feature films are selected for telecast by Doordarshan from out of those offered for telecast by the producers/right-holders. But in the case of regional feature films for telecast in the Sunday afternoon, only national award winning or panorama films are considered.

(b) From 1-1-1989 to 6-8-1989, 43 Hindi and 36 regional language feature films have been telecast in the national network including late night telecast on Fridays.

Language-wise break-up of regional language films is as under:—

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| Assamese . . | 4 |
| Bengali . . . | 4 |
| Bodo . . . | 1 |
| Kannada . . . | 3 |
| Marathi . . . | 4 |
| Malayalam . . . | 6 |
| Oriya . . . | 5 |
| Sanskrit . . . | 1 |
| Tamil . . . | 4 |
| Telugu . . . | 4 |

(c) A number of feature films in Hindi and regional languages have been offered to Doordarshan for telecast. Decision to telecast them is taken only after receipt of good quality prints and satisfactory preview report. Therefore, it is not possible to indicate which films would be telecast during the rest of the year 1989.

**Training to Doordashan employees to correctly pronounce south Indian names**

3164. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the announcers and 'Parliament News' leaders in Doordarshan very often pronounce South Indian names and places in an insulting manner;

(b) whether Government propose to direct Doordarshan to impact training in pronouncing South Indian names and place names correctly;

(c) whether Government propose to direct the 'Parliament News' readers to pronounce correct names of Members of Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (a) There have been a few instances of incorrect pronunciation of names and places but no insult is meant.

(b) and (c) Such training is already being imparted to the news readers/announcers of Doordarshan. Directions already exist that all names should be pronounced correctly.

**Assistance to Kerala for floods**

3165. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the assistance given to Kerala in connection with the recent floods in the State;